

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Agenda Item Memo

DATE: June 4, 2013

SUBJECT: ML 2009, Ch. 172, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3 Forest for the Future

Background:

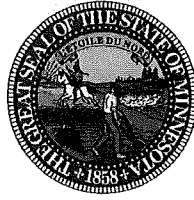
The Department of Natural Resources has received notice from St. Louis County that county bridges 118 and 596 will be reconstructed; both bridges are located on lands under conservation easement held by the state. Four parcels of land will be impacted and will affect 3.66 acres of land of which 1.86 acres are in existing road area and the balance, 1.8 acres, in new highway right-of-way acres. The state's portion of the proceeds from the conversion is estimated to be \$1,700 which will be deposited in the Outdoor Heritage Fund.

Suggested Motion:

'I move to approve the conversion as presented and direct the deposit of proceeds into the outdoor heritage fund.'

Suggested Procedure:

Place the above motion before the council for discussion, questions to the DNR representative and a vote of the Council.



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Pursuant to M.S. 97A.056, Subdivision 15, this letter notifies you that the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council has received notice from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources concerning an acquisition of a partial interest in land for bridge reconstruction purposes by St. Louis County. The state interest in the land was purchased with Outdoor Heritage Funds (MN Laws 2009, Ch. 172, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3).

The attached letter from Mr. Richard Peterson, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Forest Legacy Coordinator, describes the action. Approval of the sale and deposit of the proceeds into the Outdoor Heritage Fund will be a decision item on the Council's agenda for June 4, 2013. The state's share is a portion of an estimated \$1,700. Please contact me if you have questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William H. Becker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "William" being the most prominent.

William H. Becker
Executive Director

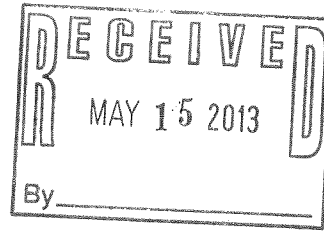
Cc: Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen, Sen. David Brown, Rep. Tom Hackbarth, Rep. Denny McNamara

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May 10, 2013



William H. Becker
Executive Director
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Bill:

St. Louis County is planning to reconstruct bridges 118 and 596 this summer. Both bridges are located on the South Town line Road on the Town line between Townships 55-21 and 56-21. This project will impact four parcels of land that are currently in the fee ownership of Blandin Paper and over lands which the State holds a conservation easement funded in part with Outdoor Heritage funds. The County will need to acquire an easement to facilitate the construction of this project. The State conservation easement will remain in place after the easement action.

The affected parcels are located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36 Township 56N R21W and Government Lot 1 and Government Lot 2 of Section 1 of Township 55N R21W of St. Louis County (see map). The proposed easement areas contain approximately 3.66 acres of which approximately 1.86 acres is existing road area and approximately 1.8 acres is new highway right of way acres. Blandin is currently reviewing the purchase price offer from St. Louis County of \$1,700 or approximately \$944/acre.

I believe this is a minor conversion or conveyance under the Council processes and I am hereby requesting the Council's approval for Blandin Paper Company to proceed with this easement request by St. Louis County. Please respond at your earliest convenience with the Council's decision.

Please contact me if you have any questions and I will be happy to provide additional information or answer questions from the Council as requested.

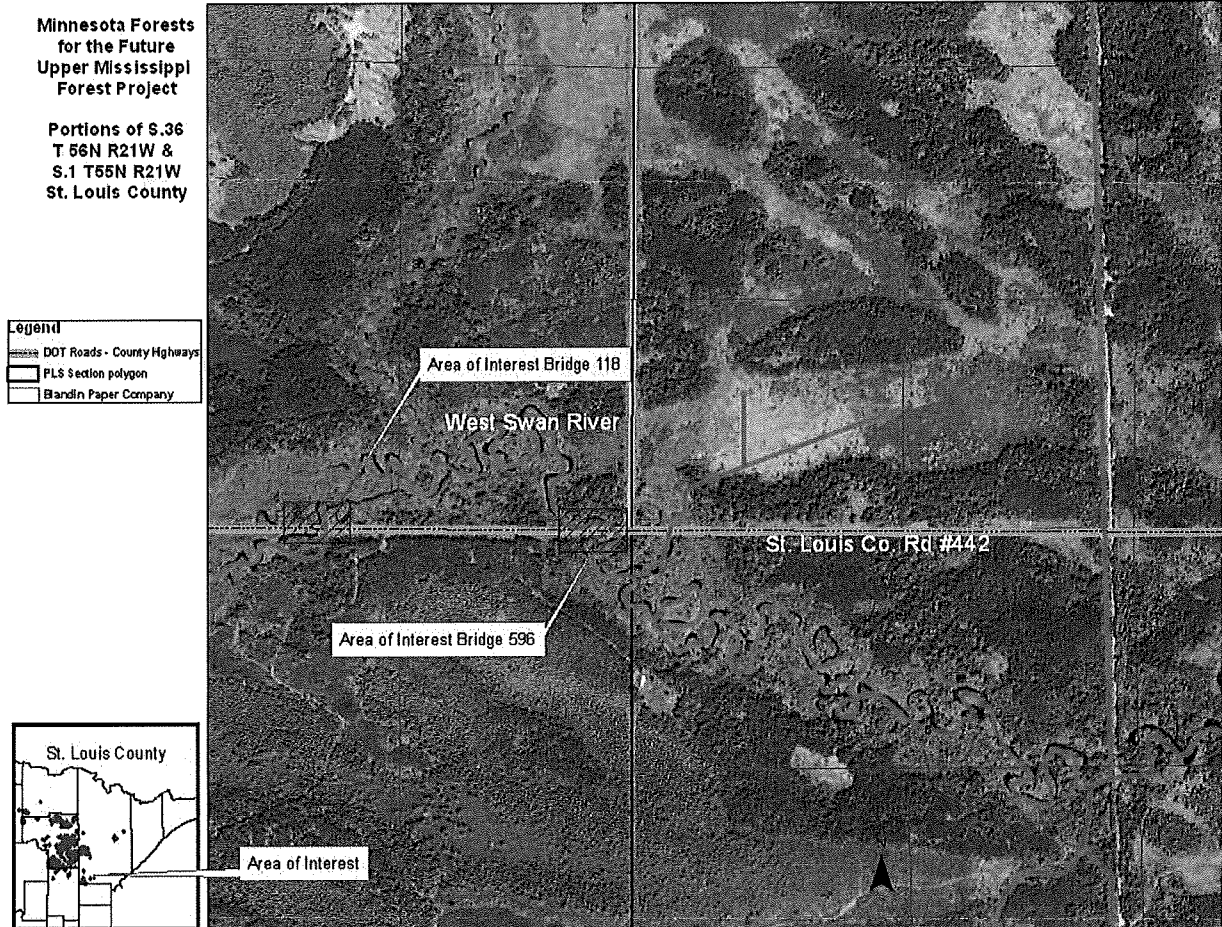
Sincerely,
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Attachment 1: Easement locations for St. Louis County Bridge projects



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